

Athens Post.

Athens, Friday, May 29, 1874.

Australian Fig Tree.

A recent letter from Australia says: While cutting a given line on the banks of the River Johnstone, for the purpose of examining the land, an enormous fig tree stood in the way, far exceeding in stoutness and grandeur the renowned forest giants of California and Victoria. Three feet from the ground it measured 150 feet in circumference; at 55 feet where it sent forth giant branches, the stem was nearly 80 feet in circumference.

The Time to Cut Wheat.

The Rural Sun says if the wheat is intended for seed it should be allowed to get fully ripe, but we have for years been of the opinion that for other purposes it is better to cut it when it is in an advanced dough state. There are several reasons for this: 1. It is easier to cut. 2. It makes white flour. 3. None is lost by shattering. 4. The straw is much more valuable for stock feed. The question has never been satisfactorily settled whether there is any loss in weight, cutting it in the dough state. We incline to the belief that there is no loss in this respect. We should like to hear from our farmers in this particular.

Small Farms.

Small farms make near neighbors; they make good roads; there is more money made in proportion to labor; less labor is wanted; everything is kept neat; less wages are wanted; more is raised to the acre, because it is tilled better; there is no watching of hired men; the mind is not kept in a worry, in a stew, a fret all the time. There is not so much fear of a drouth, of wet weather, or of a frost, of small prices. There is not so much money to be paid out for agricultural implements. Our wives and children have time to read, to improve their minds. A small horse is soon curried—and the work on a small farm is always pushed in season. Give us small farms for comfort; aye, and give us small farms for profit. So says one who has been all along there, and knows whereof he speaketh.

Sheep on a Farm.

The New York World says, in answer to a correspondent: It certainly is profitable to keep sheep on a farm if rightly managed—even though the price of wool is low. They are scavengers on a farm—death to all the weeds and shrubs that are an annoyance to tidy farmers. Besides, the spring lambs, if a careful selection of breeds is made, will be found profitable to sell, especially the males, in the market. Americans are eating more and more mutton yearly. The object of the shepherd should be to adapt his sheep husbandry to the wants of the market nearest him—grow the kind of wool that sells the best, or, if the carcass is more in demand, grow the sheep which makes the most and best meat in the shortest time, always taking into account hardiness and easiness to keep.

Cow-Milk.

Mr. J. Johnson, Hartland, Wis., has invented a cow-milker which has been tested by one of the editors of the Country Gentleman, and is thus commended in that journal:

The set sent us was tested on a cow that had always been a difficult milker, and was found to be easily attached to the udder; and the milk was all drawn, and in about half the time that it would take an ordinary person to milk the cow. It did not appear to hurt the cow at all, as she stood perfectly quiet while the operation was going on. She was milked cleaner than the average man or woman would do. The only objection seemed to be, that it may possibly cause an "easy milker" to lose her milk, as the insertion of the silver tubes may possibly enlarge permanently the orifices in the teats. For "hard" milkers, or cows that have sore teats, it would seem to be especially adapted.

A Fish that Eats Grass.

The menatee, or sea-cow, is a huge amphibious animal. It is found in the St. Lucie river. It has a head like that of a seal, and it looks like a gigantic seal. It feeds upon the rank grass growing upon the marshes of the St. Lucie. The menatee has ribs as thick as a man's arm. Last year Dolphin Sheldon and Frank Sams caught one alive near the mouth of the river, intending to send it North for exhibition. Unfortunately it was tied to the boat so firmly that the rope cut into its flesh, and it died before the party reached the head of Indian river. The porpoise devoured the body. Florida is the only place in which the menatee is found on the North American continent. Formerly it was abundant, but it is now nearly extinct, and becomes more scarce every year.

Extraordinary Problem.

The lawyers of Indianapolis are torturing their brain over an extraordinary problem. Some years ago a lady of that city was married, and four months thereafter separated from her husband, and was divorced and remarried in a month, and four months thereafter gave birth to a child by her first husband. Quite recently the second husband procured a divorce, and the custody of the child was awarded to him. Now comes the first husband and claims the child. Who is entitled to its possession?

Kansas judges are very generous or else they have little dignity. One of them was called "Old Skillet-legs" by a lawyer, and he only imposed a fine of seven shillings for the contempt of court.

How to Make Mischief.

Keep your eye on your neighbors. Take care of them. Do not let them stir without watching. They may do something wrong if you do. To be sure, you never knew them to do anything very bad, but it may be on your own account they have not. Perhaps if it hadn't been for your kind care, they might have disgraced themselves a long time ago. Therefore do not relax any effort to keep them where they ought to be. Never mind your own business—that will take care of itself. There is a man passing along—he is looking over the fence—he is suspicious of him; perhaps he contemplates stealing, some of these dark nights; there is no knowing what queer fancies he may have got into his head.

If you find any symptoms of any one passing out of the path of duty, tell every one else what you see, and be particular to see a great many. It is a way to circulate such things, though it may not benefit yourself or any one else particularly. Do keep something going—silence is a dreadful thing; though it was said there was silence in heaven for the space of half an hour, do not let such a thing occur on earth; it would be too much for this mundane sphere.

If, after all your watchful care, you cannot see anything out of the way in any one, you may be sure it is not because they have not done anything bad; perhaps in an unguarded moment you lost sight of them—throw out hints that they are no better than they should be, that you should not wonder if the people found out what they were after a little while, then they may not hold their heads so high. Keep it going, and some one else may take the hint, and begin to help you along after a while, then there will be music and everything will work with a charm.

Steamboating.

The Milwaukee Sentinel of the 22d says: "A weary-looking stranger threw himself into a Sentinel chair last evening, and abruptly remarked: 'If you are in a hurry, never travel on a Mississippi river steamboat. I've been three weeks on the way up from New Orleans. The boat stops on the slightest provocation. A white horse switching his tail on the bank is taken as a signal by the pilot, and the boat is rounded to.'"

The Bureau of Commerce.

It is proposed to establish a Bureau of Commerce as a branch of the Treasury Department. This bureau will take charge of the national industries, comprehending those of manufacturing, mining, agriculture and commerce.

From the Chattanooga Times.

One of the "facts that support Gov. Brown's Administration": He squelched kukluxism, and restored law and order, without adding a dollar to the State debt, or increasing the burdens of the people, in the way of taxation.

A Marion, Iowa, woman poured several quarts of boiling water down her husband's back recently. She catches a glimpse of the spring-time flowers through the bars of the jail, while he is studying the pattern of the carpet through the slats of his bed. They both agree that the next time there arises the question of stove-wood for supper in the family, moral sunsion will be the thing.

Bald Mountain is irrepressible; and begins to grumble again, probably because it is denominated a fraud and a newspaper hoax. This time the rumblings are very heavy, and the tremblings have been felt more than a hundred miles distant.

A packing house at Chicago, with a large number of dressed hogs, over a million pounds of bulk meats, several thousand pounds of lard and six hundred live hogs, was burned a few nights ago. Loss estimated at \$150,000.

The Lebanon Herald says: Blackburn is the only member of the Constitutional Convention who is in the penitentiary—but he isn't the only one who ought to be there, by several.

A teacher in DeWitt county, Illinois, has introduced a new method of punishment into his school. When one of the girls misses a word the lad who spells it has permission to kiss her.

It is affirmed that the best State Librarian Indiana has ever had is the present incumbent, a lady who has transformed the library from "a dirty kennel to a fine reading room."

It isn't right, and a Delaware court has decided that it isn't, for a man to tie his wife up to a blighting-post and leave her there all night, because he finds her spectacles in the coffee pot.

There is laughter in Chicago because a St. Louis detective went there and had his pocket picked on a horse car.

BARRETT'S HOTEL, Charleston, Tennessee.

THE ABOVE HOUSE IS NOW OPEN for the reception of the travelling public. Good accommodations and moderate charges. A liberal share of patronage is respectfully solicited. E. S. BARRETT, Charleston, Tenn., May 1, 1874-ly-335

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OFFICE AND RESIDENCE—MAIN ST.—East end of town, Athens, Tenn., Jan. 28, 1870-ly-113

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M. A. HELM, Athens, Tenn., March, 20, 1874-ly-329

W. W. ALEXANDER, M. D.

OFFICE AND RESIDENCE ON WASHINGTON Street, Athens, Tennessee; January 9, 1874-ly-319

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